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AIQDSC27 - Machine Learning Algorithms Project

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Instructions

With the available part of the MIMICS dataset, propose the best model (among Linear Regression, KNN, Naive Bayes, RandomForest, SVM) to predict:

re-hospitalization (evaluation metrics, accuracy)

To build the features (X), all or part of the following columns can be used (all types of pre-processing is allowed):

- DOB: Date of Birth
- GENDER
- MARITAL STATUS
- ETHNICITY
- INSURANCE
- DEATHTIME: Date of Death (if the patient has died)
- ADMITTIME: Date of the admission
- ADMISSION_TYPE
 - blood, circulatory, congenital, digestive, endocrine, genitourinary, infectious, injury, mental, misc, muscular, neoplasms, nervous, pregnancy, prenatal, respiratory, skin
 - Bag of Words representation of diagnosis
- DISCHTIME: date of the discharge
- DISCHARGE_LOCATION: patient's destination after discharge from hospital
- TEXT: discharge medical report

To build Y, you can use all or part of the following columns (and there too, do the preprocessing you want):

- DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT: number of days between discharge and readmission
- NXT ADMITTIME: date of readmission
- OUTPUT_LABEL
- DEATHTIME: Date of Death (if the patient has died)

Data leakage (i.e. https://www.kaggle.com/alexisbcook/data-leakage) has to be accounted for/dealt with.

The rendering will be in the form of a jupyter notebook written like a report: with a clearly announced plan, different sections and a conclusion.

A part of the grade will be given on the quality of the report (8 points), a part on the quality of the work done, and the respect of the methodology (6 points), a part on the quality of the prediction (6 points).

Note on Data Leakage From Kaggle:

"Data leakage (or leakage) happens when **your training data contains information about the target**, but similar data will not be available when the model is used for prediction. This leads to high performance on the training set (and possibly even the validation data), but the model will perform poorly in production.

 $[\dots]$

Target leakage occurs when your predictors include data that will not be available at the time you make predictions. It is important to think about target leakage in terms of the timing or chronological order that data becomes available, not merely whether a feature helps make good predictions.

[...]

Validation is meant to be a measure of how the model does on data that it hasn't considered before. You can corrupt this process in subtle ways if the validation data affects the preprocessing behavior. This is sometimes called **train-test contamination**."

Note on the required models The mentioned models are:

- Linear Regression
- KNN
- Naive Baves
- RandomForest
- SVM

Linear Regression is a **regression** model while the three others are **classification** models. We will replace it by a **logistic regression** as a classification model to perform more classification comparisons.

Our comparison of linear regression model (i.e. Lasso, Ridge, ElasticSearch) is available in our other exercise AIQDSC28.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview of project

The following project will be **organized in three parts**: i) pre-processing, ii) training models with and without the provided TEXT variable, iii) concluding and offering other areas of explorations.

1 - Data pre-processing:

The goal is to build a training and testing set of features based on the content of the MIMIC dataset subset we have been provided. Our preprocessing will follow the following steps:

- 1. Loading the training and test sets
- 2. Identifying the features at risk of data leakage
- 3. Selecting our feature variables (X) and target variable (Y)
- 4. Performing pre-processing on our target variable (Y)

5. Performing pre-processing on our feature variables (X)

2 - Training our models models:

We will proceed with the main section of the exercise: performing classification.

We will split our neural network training process between models:

- Logistic Regression
- KNN
- Naive Bayes
- RandomForest
- SVM
- Boosting

3 - Results Comparison:

We will then **select the most promising of the four six models** and perform further hyperparameter tuning, dataset refining, etc. to increase the model's performance

Finally, we will conclude and propose further areas of exploration.

At each step, we will be careful to highlight our comments and notes.

1.2 Library imports and built functions

```
[1]: import datetime as dt
     import math
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import nltk
     import numpy as np
     import os
     import pandas as pd
     import seaborn as sns
     sns.set_theme(style="ticks", color_codes=True)
     import warnings
     warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
     from itertools import cycle
     from nltk.corpus import stopwords
     from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
     from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, AdaBoostClassifier
     from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
     from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
```

```
from sklearn.metrics import f1_score, r2_score, accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, plot_confusion_matrix
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.svm import SVC
```

1.3 Custom functions

```
[3]: def lemmatize(tokenized_sentence):
    """
    Creates a lemmatizer object and lematized a nltk-tokenized
    sentences. Might require running nltk.download('wordnet')
    beforehand.
    """
    lemmatizer = nltk.WordNetLemmatizer()
    return [lemmatizer.lemmatize(w) for w in tokenized_sentence]
```

```
[4]: # Lambda function chaining tokenize, remove_stop_words, and lemmatize

sentence_processing = lambda sentence: " ".join(
    lemmatize(
        remove_stop_words(
              word_tokenize(str.lower(str(sentence)))
        )
     )
    )
    )
}
```

```
normalize=None)
disp.ax_.set_title(title)
```

```
[6]: def classification_score(pred_train, pred_test, y_train, y_test):
    """
    Prints the accuracy and F1 scores for train and test sets of a
    classification model
    """
    f1_score_train = f1_score(pred_train, y_train, average='weighted')
    acc_score_train = accuracy_score(pred_train, y_train)
    f1_score_test = f1_score(pred_test, y_test, average='weighted')
    acc_score_test = accuracy_score(pred_test, y_test)
    print("--- Train Set Scores ---")
    print("Accuracy: %.2f" % acc_score_train)
    print("F1 score: %.2f" % f1_score_train)
    print("Accuracy: %.2f" % acc_score_test)
    print("F1 score: %.2f" % f1_score_test)
    return acc_score_train, acc_score_test, f1_score_train, f1_score_test
```

2. Pre-processing

2.1 Methodology

Our data pre-processing will be performed through the following steps:

1 - Loading the training and testing sets:

Our dataset loading will rely on a local copy of the dataset, however the code to retrieve the dataset online is also included, albeit commented out.

We will also provide preliminary notes on the training and testing sets' content (e.g. number of elements, etc.).

2 - Identifying the features at risk of data leakage:

Based on those preliminary notes, we will look into identifying the available features (in our case columns in a DataFrame) which are at most risk of data leakage.

3 - Selecting our feature variables (X) and target variable (Y):

Based on our observations, we will be performing a variable selection, identifying which columns of the imported dataset will be used for building our features (i.e. the X of the model), and which will be used to build our target variable (i.e. the Y of the model).

4 - Performing pre-processing on our target variable (Y):

We will start with pre-processing our target variable by:

- 1. Removing NaN values (from our Y and X DataFrames)
- 2. Potentially rescaling our target variable

5 - Performing pre-processing on our feature variables (X):

Based on our assumption above, we will be performing the following steps as part of our feature pre-processing:

- 1. Highlighting remaining NaN values and deciding how to pre-process them
- 2. Building a LENGTH_OF_STAY and AGE features from our pre-existing data
- 3. One-hot encoding the discrete features we ended up selecting
- 4. Building an embedding representation of the DIAGNOSIS feature

To build our embedding for DIAGNOSIS, we will use the CountVectorizer method.

2.2 Data Pre-processing

2.2.1 - Loading the training and test sets: As seen below, we load the provided datasets and also create placeholder variables. These will hold the processed training and testing data so that we do not erase the original data.

Given those loaded sets, our preliminary observations are the following:

- 1. We find that the training dataset holds **2000 entries**, while the testing dataset holds **901 entries**, i.e.:
 - A 69 to 31 train-test ratio
 - Note: A usual rule of thumb for a small dataset is to usually perform a 80 to 20 train-test split, which the current split satisfies. As such, we keep the split as-is.
- 2. Several features present **NaN values**, i.e.:
 - we will need to decide what to do with them after variable selection.
- 3. The available features are of types **int64** or **Object**, i.e.:
 - We might have to perform data-wrangling to transform the data into types usable by a machine learning model.
- 4. A Bag of Word embedding for the DIAGNOSIS column has been provided:
 - As seen in the MIMIC-III Clinical Database Demo 1.4, the DIAGNOSIS column corresponds to a string value that includes a list of diagnoses separated by multiple kinds of characters (e.g. '/', ; ', ', ', ', ', etc.).
 - The bag of words representation displays non-binary numeric (integer) values, for which we do not have much information. We could infer that it may represent some kind of importance associated with each word.
 - Nevertheless, given the lack of information on the way the bag of words was created, we might want to create our own word embedding representation for DIAGNOSIS, discarding the existing one.

```
[7]: local_train_set_path = "./datasets/train.csv.zip"
local_test_set_path = "./datasets/test.csv.zip"
```

```
df_train = pd.read_csv(local_train_set_path)
      df_test = pd.read_csv(local_test_set_path)
 [8]: # comment the lines above and uncomment the lines below for retrieving the
      # dataset from the online unice repository
      # df_train = pd.read_csv(train_set_path)
      # df_train = pd.read_csv(test_set_path)
      # online_path = "http://www.i3s.unice.fr/~riveill/dataset/MIMIC-III-readmission/"
      # train_set_path = online_path + "train.csv.zip"
      # test_set_path = online_path + "test.csv.zip"
 [9]: X_train_without_TEXT = None
      X_test_without_TEXT = None
[10]: y_train = None
      y_test = None
     Preliminary information on the sets:
[11]: df_train.describe()
[11]:
               SUBJECT_ID
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                                                1210.000000
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      mean
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                            150103.483000
                                                 119.883433
                                                                 0.482500
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                             29205.036893
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              congenital
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0.447500

mean

std	0.847114	0.739894	0.544511	0.704605	0.801299
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
50%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
75%	1.000000	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000
max	9.000000	5.000000	5.000000	8.000000	7.000000
	pregnancy	prenatal	respiratory	skin	OUTPUT_LABEL
count	2000.000000	2000.000000	2000.000000	2000.000000	2000.0000
mean	0.008000	0.119000	0.972500	0.189000	0.5050
std	0.151484	0.376709	1.199359	0.551753	0.5001
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0000
50%	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000	0.000000	1.0000
75%	0.000000	0.000000	2.000000	0.000000	1.0000
max	4.000000	5.000000	6.000000	6.000000	1.0000

[8 rows x 21 columns]

[12]: df_test.describe()

[12]:	SUBJECT_ID		D HAD	M_ID	DAYS_N	EXT_ADMIT	blood	circulatory	\
	count	901.000000	901.00	0000	5	26.000000	901.000000	901.000000	
	mean	18306.197558	3 149172.83	0189		84.578517	0.466149	2.817980	
	std	26349.689656	3 29115.50	1914	3	04.437951	0.691390	2.256878	
	min	6.00000	100039.00	0000		-0.454167	0.000000	0.000000	
	25%	1521.000000	123423.00	0000		5.100868	0.000000	1.000000	
	50%	3176.000000	147718.00	0000		11.302431	0.000000	2.000000	
	75%	25256.000000	174749.00	0000		22.211632	1.000000	4.000000	
	max	99982.000000	199807.00	0000	35	43.101389	4.000000	12.000000	
		congenital	digestive	endo	ocrine	genitourin	ary infecti	ous \	
	count	901.000000	901.000000	901.0	000000	901.000	000 901.000	000	
	mean	0.044395	0.728080	1.3	372919	0.700	0.468	368	
	std	0.231479	1.165418		406611	0.944	628 0.804	397	
	min	0.000000	0.000000		000000	0.000			
	25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	000000	0.000	0.000	000	
	50%	0.000000	0.000000	1.0	000000	0.000	0.000	000	
	75%	0.000000	1.000000	2.0	000000	1.000	1.000	000	
	max	2.000000	7.000000	7.0	000000	5.000	7.000	000	
		mental	misc		scular	neoplasms		1 0 1	\
	count	901.000000	901.000000		000000	901.000000			
	mean	0.468368	0.436182		201998	0.243063			
	std	0.919147	0.752463		538760	0.682942			
	min	0.000000	0.000000		000000	0.000000			
	25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	

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                   respiratory
                                             OUTPUT_LABEL
         prenatal
                                       skin
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                    901.000000
                                                901.000000
                                 901.000000
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         0.119867
                       0.931188
                                   0.241953
                                                  0.503885
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         0.354423
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                       7.000000
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```

[8 rows x 21 columns]

[13]: # We find that only the columns MARITAL_STATUS and DIAGNOSIS have NaN values in # both the training and testing dataset.

SUBJECT_ID	0
HADM_ID	0
ADMITTIME	0
DISCHTIME	0
DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT	790
NEXT_ADMITTIME	790
ADMISSION_TYPE	0
DEATHTIME	1842
DISCHARGE_LOCATION	0
INSURANCE	0
MARITAL_STATUS	76
ETHNICITY	0
DIAGNOSIS	2
TEXT	75
GENDER	0
DOB	0
blood	0
circulatory	0
congenital	0
digestive	0
endocrine	0
genitourinary	0
infectious	0
injury	0

mental	0
misc	0
muscular	0
neoplasms	0
nervous	0
pregnancy	0
prenatal	0
respiratory	0
skin	0
OUTPUT_LABEL	0
dtype: int64	
SUBJECT_ID	0
HADM_ID	0
ADMITTIME	0
DISCHTIME	0
DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT	375
NEXT_ADMITTIME	375
ADMISSION_TYPE	0
DEATHTIME	843
DISCHARGE_LOCATION	0
INSURANCE	0
MARITAL_STATUS	40
ETHNICITY	0
DIAGNOSIS	0
TEXT	30
GENDER	0
DOB	0
blood	0
circulatory	0
congenital	0
digestive	0
endocrine	0
genitourinary	0
infectious	0
injury	0
mental	0
misc	0
muscular	0
neoplasms	0
nervous	0
pregnancy	0
prenatal	0
respiratory	0
skin	0
OUTPUT_LABEL	0
dtype: int64	

[14]: df_train.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 2000 entries, 0 to 1999
Data columns (total 34 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	0 1		
0	SUBJECT_ID	2000 non-null	 int64		
1	HADM_ID	2000 non-null	int64		
2	ADMITTIME	2000 non-null	object		
3	DISCHTIME	2000 non-null	object		
4	DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT	1210 non-null	float64		
5	NEXT_ADMITTIME	1210 non-null	object		
6	ADMISSION_TYPE	2000 non-null	object		
7	DEATHTIME	158 non-null	object		
8	DISCHARGE_LOCATION	2000 non-null	object		
9	INSURANCE	2000 non-null	object		
10	MARITAL_STATUS	1924 non-null	object		
11	ETHNICITY	2000 non-null	object		
12	DIAGNOSIS	1998 non-null	object		
13	TEXT	1925 non-null	object		
14	GENDER	2000 non-null	object		
15	DOB	2000 non-null	object		
16	blood	2000 non-null	int64		
17	circulatory	2000 non-null	int64		
18	congenital	2000 non-null	int64		
19	digestive	2000 non-null	int64		
20	endocrine	2000 non-null	int64		
21	genitourinary	2000 non-null	int64		
22	infectious	2000 non-null	int64		
23	injury	2000 non-null	int64		
24	mental	2000 non-null	int64		
25	misc	2000 non-null	int64		
26	muscular	2000 non-null	int64		
27	neoplasms	2000 non-null	int64		
28	nervous	2000 non-null	int64		
29	pregnancy	2000 non-null	int64		
30	prenatal	2000 non-null	int64		
31	respiratory	2000 non-null	int64		
32	skin	2000 non-null	int64		
33	OUTPUT_LABEL	2000 non-null	int64		
dtypes: float64(1), int64(20), object(13)					

dtypes: float64(1), int64(20), object(13)

memory usage: 531.4+ KB

[15]: df_test.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 901 entries, 0 to 900

Data	columns (total 34 co	olumns):				
#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype			
0	SUBJECT_ID	901 non-null	int64			
1	HADM_ID	901 non-null	int64			
2	ADMITTIME	901 non-null	object			
3	DISCHTIME	901 non-null	object			
4	DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT	526 non-null	float64			
5	NEXT_ADMITTIME	526 non-null	object			
6	ADMISSION_TYPE	901 non-null	object			
7	DEATHTIME	58 non-null	object			
8	DISCHARGE_LOCATION	901 non-null	object			
9	INSURANCE	901 non-null	object			
10	MARITAL_STATUS	861 non-null	object			
11	ETHNICITY	901 non-null	object			
12	DIAGNOSIS	901 non-null	object			
13	TEXT	871 non-null	object			
14	GENDER	901 non-null	object			
15	DOB	901 non-null	object			
16	blood	901 non-null	int64			
17	circulatory	901 non-null	int64			
18	congenital	901 non-null	int64			
19	digestive	901 non-null	int64			
20	endocrine	901 non-null	int64			
21	genitourinary	901 non-null	int64			
22	infectious	901 non-null	int64			
23	injury	901 non-null	int64			
24	mental	901 non-null	int64			
25	misc	901 non-null	int64			
26	muscular	901 non-null	int64			
27	neoplasms	901 non-null	int64			
28	nervous	901 non-null	int64			
29	pregnancy	901 non-null	int64			
30	prenatal	901 non-null	int64			
	respiratory	901 non-null	int64			
32	skin	901 non-null	int64			
	OUTPUT_LABEL	901 non-null				
dtypes: float64(1), int64(20), object(13)						
memor	memory usage: 239 5+ KB					

memory usage: 239.5+ KB

2.2.2 - Identifying the features at risk of data leakage: We need to look into identifying the available features (in our case columns in a DataFrame) which are at most risk of data leakage. We focus on two cases:

1. Mismatched entries related to a single patient

Indeed, it is possible that a single patient (i.e. a single SUBJECT_ID) has multiple entries in the dataset. Based on the information provided by the repository for the MIMIC dataset, HADM_ID represents a single patient's admission(s) to the hospital and SUBJECT_ID represents a single patient.

2. Data leakage between a potential target variable and potential feature variables Indeed, some features leak information about a potential target variable. For instance, we see that DISCHARGE_LOCATION and TEXT hold important data with regards to the outcome of the patient's stay.

To highlight those risks, we provide the three following examples (including code in the cells below):

Patient (SUBJECT_ID) 17 (see code below):

By looking at the number of times a single patient has been admitted to the hospital, we want to find whether a single patient may have been admitted more than once and whether it is reflected in the dataset.

- We find that patients have been admitted up to 15 times in the training set.

As an example, the patient 17 has been admitted twice.

Patient (SUBJECT_ID) 808 (see code below):

We see that patient 808 has three referenced admissions but the last record mentions a readmission date that is not referenced in the dataset. The admit times are also mismatched.

- There are 3 admissions with each showing a next admission time, implying at least one admission is missing from the dataset.

Patient (SUBJECT_ID) 937 (see code below):

As part of our data leakage check, we want to check whether patients have a number of rows equal to the number of admissions mentioned in the related data (i.e. we would expect a patient with 1 readmission to have two lines in the dataset). Furthermore, we want to see if potential feature columns reference potential target data. We find that:

- Some patients have a mismatch between the number of mentioned readmission dates and the number of lines associated to their ID.

We can interpret this fact as such: The dataset cannot be understood as a time series. As such, each row (and their potential readmission) should be construed as independent from other rows. This implies that, in terms of data leakage, we should individualize each row in a way that no two rows can be linked to each other (independence).

We find that patient 937 has been admitted twice but has only one single record in the training dataset.

- Some columns, such as DISCHARGE_LOCATION and TEXT, hold important data with regards to the outcome of the patient's stay

Furthermore, some features leak information about a potential target variable.

Indeed, we see, for patient 937, that DISCHARGE_LOCATION and TEXT hold important data with regards to the outcome of the patient's stay. However, since this data seems mostly related

to the death of the patient, and that results in a NaN value for the number of days to the next rehospitalization, we know that this row will not be included in our dataset (as per the assumption on the target variable made in the previous part of this report).

Patient 17:

```
[16]: df_train.pivot_table(index = ['SUBJECT_ID'], aggfunc = 'size').unique()
[16]: array([1, 2, 15, 3, 5, 4, 6, 8])
[17]: print(df_train.pivot_table(index = ['SUBJECT_ID'], aggfunc ='size').head(2))
      df_train[df_train["SUBJECT_ID"]==17]
     SUBJECT_ID
     11
           1
     17
     dtype: int64
[17]:
            SUBJECT_ID HADM_ID
                                            ADMITTIME
                                                                 DISCHTIME \
      1182
                    17
                         161087
                                 2135-05-09 14:11:00
                                                       2135-05-13 14:40:00
      1710
                    17
                         194023
                                 2134-12-27 07:15:00 2134-12-31 16:05:00
            DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT
                                  NEXT_ADMITTIME ADMISSION_TYPE DEATHTIME
      1182
                        NaN
                                              NaN
                                                       EMERGENCY
                                                                       NaN
      1710
                 128.920833 2135-05-09 14:11:00
                                                        ELECTIVE
                                                                       NaN
           DISCHARGE_LOCATION INSURANCE
                                          ... mental misc muscular neoplasms nervous
      1182
             HOME HEALTH CARE
                                Private
                                                                 2
                                          . . .
                                Private
      1710
             HOME HEALTH CARE
                                                                 0
                                                                           0
                                                                                    0
                                         . . .
           pregnancy prenatal respiratory skin OUTPUT_LABEL
      1182
                   0
                             0
                                           1
                                                 0
                                                               0
      1710
                   0
                             0
                                           0
                                                 0
                                                               0
      [2 rows x 34 columns]
     Patient 808:
      df_train[df_train["SUBJECT_ID"]==808]
[18]:
            SUBJECT_ID HADM_ID
                                            ADMITTIME
                                                                 DISCHTIME
      553
                   808
                         197130
                                 2181-11-16 08:18:00
                                                       2181-11-23 09:04:00
                                 2181-07-12 20:11:00
      1189
                   808
                         100677
                                                       2181-07-17 13:14:00
      1995
                   808
                         139077
                                 2181-05-11 16:57:00
                                                       2181-05-16 11:58:00
            DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT
                                  NEXT_ADMITTIME ADMISSION_TYPE DEATHTIME
      553
                   8.701389 2181-12-02 01:54:00
                                                       EMERGENCY
                                                                       NaN
      1189
                  13.395833 2181-07-30 22:44:00
                                                       EMERGENCY
                                                                       NaN
      1995
                  13.701389 2181-05-30 04:48:00
                                                       EMERGENCY
                                                                       NaN
```

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DISCHARGE_LOCATION INSURANCE ... mental misc muscular neoplasms nervous
      553
             HOME HEALTH CARE
                                Private
                                                        0
                                                                 0
                                                                           2
                                                                                   0
             HOME HEALTH CARE
                                                        1
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      1189
                                Private
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      1995
                         HOME
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           pregnancy prenatal
                               respiratory skin OUTPUT_LABEL
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      1189
                   0
                             0
                                          0
                                                 0
                                                               1
      1995
                   0
                             0
                                          2
                                                 0
                                                               1
      [3 rows x 34 columns]
     Patient 937:
[19]: df_train[df_train["SUBJECT_ID"]==937]
[19]:
         SUBJECT_ID HADM_ID
                                        ADMITTIME
                                                              DISCHTIME \
      0
                937
                      148592 2163-01-20 18:39:00 2163-01-24 08:00:00
         DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT
                               NEXT_ADMITTIME ADMISSION_TYPE
                                                                         DEATHTIME \
                                                               2163-01-26 08:00:00
                0.061806 2163-01-24 09:29:00
                                                    EMERGENCY
        DISCHARGE_LOCATION INSURANCE ... mental misc muscular neoplasms nervous \
              DEAD/EXPIRED Medicare ...
                                                0
        pregnancy prenatal respiratory skin OUTPUT_LABEL
                0
                                       0
                                             0
      [1 rows x 34 columns]
[20]: # DISCHARGE_LOCATION holds important data on the fate of patient 937.
      df_train[df_train["SUBJECT_ID"] == 937] ["DISCHARGE_LOCATION"]
[20]: 0
           DEAD/EXPIRED
      Name: DISCHARGE_LOCATION, dtype: object
[21]: # TEXT holds important data on the fate of patient 937:
            Discharge Disposition: \nExpired\n\nDischarge Diagnosis: \n1.
            intraparenchymal hemmorrhage\n\nDischarge Condition:\nexpired
      print(df_train[df_train["SUBJECT_ID"]==937]["TEXT"].values)
     ['Admission Date: [**2163-1-20**]
                                                      Discharge Date:
     [**2163-1-24**]\n\nDate of Birth: [**2087-9-24**]
     M\n\nService: NEUROLOGY\n\nAllergies:\nPatient recorded as having No Known
     Allergies to Drugs\n\nAttending:[**First Name3 (LF) 5868**]\nChief
```

Complaint:\ntransfer from ICH with intra-parenchymal bleed\n\nMajor Surgical or Invasive Procedure:\nnone\n\nHistory of Present Illness:\nThe patient is a 75 year old man with a history of hypertension\nand high cholesterol, now presenting on transfer from an OSH\nwith\na large right intraparenchymal cerebral bleed. As per his\nchart, he originally presented to the OSH with the complaint of\ninability to feel his right leg. An angiogram of the leg\nuncovered a right femoral artery occlusion and he was given t-\nPA (iv). The next morning, the patient developed a left\nhemiparesis with left facial droop and a right gaze preference. \nAn emergent CT scan of his brain showed multiple hemorrhages\nprimarily in the right frontal lobe, but also including the left\nparietal lobe and right cerebellum.\n\nReview of Systems:\n-not obtainable\n\nPast Medical History:\n-umbilical hernia repair\n-gall bladder removal in [**2160**]\n-hypertension\n-high cholesterol\n-aortofemoral + fem-[**Doctor Last Name **] bypass [**2156**]\n-TURP in [**2152**]\n\n\nSocial $\label{listory: h-no-known} History\ of\ tobacco\ or\ alcohol\n\nFamily\ History: \n-father$ died at age [**Age over 90 **]\n-mother died of heart attack\n\n\nPhysical Exam:\nVitals: 98.6 140/70 54 18 100% intubated\nGeneral: elderly man, moving right arm in bed, some distress\nNeck: supple\nLungs: coarse breath sounds\nCV: regular rate and rhythm, bradycardic\nAbdomen: non-tender, nondistended, bowel sounds present\nExt: warm, no edema\n\nNeurologic Examination:\nNo eye opening to loud voice or sternal rub; not following\nsimple\ncommands to squeeze hands or open eyes; pupils minimally\nreactive\nto light but equal; no dolls eye movements; left facial droop; \nspontaneous movement of RUE, RLL, and LLL, no movement of LUE;\nwithdraws to pain on all extremities except left arm-here he\nextensor postures; reflexes brisk throughout with no large\nasymmetries; toe upgoing on left, down on right\n\nPertinent Results:\ncbc: 13.6/20.0/182\nchem: 135/4.1 102/24 17/0.7 122\nc/m/p: 8.7/2.2/2.2\ncoags: 14.7/26.9/1.4\n\nHead CT: multiple discreet areas of hemorrhage, prominent in\nthe\nright frontal lobe; intraventricular extension; some edema with\nmass effect\n\n\nBrief Hospital Course:\nThe patient was admitted from an OSH for management of a large\nintraparenchymal hemmorrhage. Patient patient had a poor\nneurologic examination on admission. The patient continued to\ndeteriorate and on hospital day #5 was pronounced brain dead.\nAs per the families wishes, he became an organ donor.\n\nMedications on Admission:\n-nadolol\n-hctz\n-lisinopril\n-zocor\n-baby asa\n-mvi\n-trental\n\nDischarge Medications:\nn/a\n\nDischarge Disposition:\nExpired\n\nDischarge Diagnosis:\n1. intraparenchymal hemmorrhage\n\nDischarge Condition:\nexpired\n\nDischarge by: [**2163-3-14**]']

2.2.3 - Selecting our feature variables (X) and target variable (Y): 1 - Selecting our target variable (Y):

We can predict if a patient will i) be readmitted at some point, ii) die, iii) be discharged without readmission

We can assign a tag to each of the scenarios above which will be used to perform classification

2 - Selecting our feature variables (X)

We decide that, due to data leakage concerns, to not focus on the following variables: ADMIT-TIME, DISCHTIME (those are obvious data leakage risk as they give information on actual readmission rates), DEATHTIME, DISCHARGE_LOCATION and TEXT (those may in theory hold important information on the end fate of the patient, meaning we cannot include those features as it would leak information with regards to the outcome we want to predict), and finally the provided bag of words (of the DIAGNOSIS column, which we discard as we will be building our own embedding).

As such, we focus on the following features:

- Age (which we will have to construct out of DOB and ADMITTIME)
- GENDER
- MARITAL_STATUS
- ETHNICITY (see note)
- INSURANCE
- ADMISSION_TYPE
- Length of stay (which we will have to construct out of DISCTIME and ADMITTIME)
- DIAGNOSIS (from which we will build our own bag of words representation)

3 - Note on ETHNICITY:

It is important to note that ethnic/racial data is a controversial topic in AI. The goal is to avoid racial profiling as well as racial discrimination. Especially in health.

It happens that systemic racism and poverty greatly affect minorities in the United States. We recall that the MIMIC dataset is a relational database containing tables of data relating to patients who stayed within the intensive care units at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA, USA. The hospital is a *private* teaching center attached to the Harvard Medical School. In Massachusetts, poverty afflicts minorities about twice as much as white people.

As such, ethnicity may have a strong impact on both the quality of their care, their access to insurance, and in the end their potential rate of readmission, etc.

Nevertheless, for the purpose of the exercise (given that trying models with and without the variable is computationally expensive), we will keep the variable for now.

4 - Note on TEXT and DISCHARGE_LOCATION:

As we saw in the cell above, TEXT and DISCHARGE_LOCATION may hold important information on the end fate of the patient, meaning we cannot include those features as **it would leak information with regards to the outcome we want to predict**.

```
y_train = df_train[target_column].copy()
y_test = df_test[target_column].copy()
```

2.2.4 - Performing pre-processing on our target variable (Y):

1. Removing NaN values (from our Y and X DataFrames)

Given the assumption cited above (i.e., *Since our goal is to predict (via regression) the number of days to next re-hospitalization, we will be removing from the dataset individuals which do not have a readmission date (represented as NaN values)*, we record the indexes where our target variable Y contains NaN values and remove the corresponding rows from both our target and feature DataFrames.

2. Pre-processing our target variable

We proceed with the following assumptions:

- 1. if DEATHTIME is not NaN, the patient is classified as "dead"
- 2. if DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT are not NaN, the patient is classified as "will be readmitted"
- 3. if neither DEATTIME or DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT are NaN, the patient is classified as "will not be readmitted" (i.e. remission)

DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT 790
DEATHTIME 1842
dtype: int64
DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT 375
DEATHTIME 843

dtype: int64

```
# we drop columns as they are not useful anymore
table.drop(["DAYS_NEXT_ADMIT"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
table.drop(["DEATHTIME"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

```
[25]: # We check our target variables (with the example of the train target
    # variables)

y_train.value_counts()
```

[25]: OUTCOME

READMISSION 1194 REMISSION 648 DEAD 158

dtype: int64

2.2.5 - Performing pre-processing on our feature variables (X):

1. Removing the feature rows (i.e. data points) which correspond to NaN values in the target variable ${\tt Y}$

Done in 2.2.4.

2. Highlighting remaining NaN values and deciding how to pre-process them

As we see in the first code cell below, NaN values are found only in the MARITAL_STATUS, DIAGNOSIS and TEXT columns only after the previous cleaning. As we plan on performing a One-Hot Encoding for the former and a Bag of Words embedding for the latter, we will not remove those rows as they will be transformed into features.

3. Building a LENGTH_OF_STAY and AGE features from our pre-existing data

We build a length of stay variable by taking the difference between ADMITTIME and DISCTIME (in days). We proceed as such:

- convert ADMITTIME and DISCTIME dates to datetime
- calculate the float value timedelta (in days)
- drop DISCHTIME as it is not useful anymore
- rescale the variable using a MinMaxScaler

We build an age variable by taking the difference between ADMITTIME and DOB (in year). We proceed as such:

- convert dates to year
- calculate the float value timedelta (in year)
- drop ADMITTIME and DOB as they are not useful anymore
- rescale the variable using a MinMaxScaler

Before applying the MinMaxScaler, we find that some ages are impossible (being well above the oldest recorded age for a human being), leading to think that the dataset has misrecorded values. To deal with those, we decide to replace these erroneous values with the average age of the rest of the dataset (i.e. the mean of all ages that are not impossible). We proceed as such:

- calculate the average age in the rest of the train dataset
- replace the wrong age values with the calculated average in both the train and test dataset

119 rows are impacted.

4. One-hot encoding the discrete features we ended up selecting

We build one-hot encoding for each discrete/categorical variables we decided to keep: GENDER, MARITAL_STATUS, ETHNICITY, INSURANCE, ADMISSION_TYPE

5. Building an embedding representation of the DIAGNOSIS column

We want to build our own Bag of Words representation of the DIAGNOSIS column, using the sklearn CountVectorizer object. We proceed as such:

- pre-process the content of the DIAGNOSIS column
- declare and fit the CountVectorizer object

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- transform the diagnosis column using the count vectorizer
- expand the resulting feature matrix into individual columns
- drop the DIAGNOSIS columns to clean up the dataset

Highlighting remaining NaN values and deciding how to pre-process them:

```
GENDER
                    0
                   76
MARITAL_STATUS
ETHNICITY
                    0
INSURANCE
                    0
ADMISSION_TYPE
                    0
DIAGNOSIS
                    2
ADMITTIME
                    0
DISCHTIME
                    0
dtype: int64
DOB
                    0
GENDER
                    0
MARITAL_STATUS
                   40
ETHNICITY
                    0
INSURANCE
                    0
ADMISSION_TYPE
                    0
                    0
DIAGNOSIS
ADMITTIME
                    0
DISCHTIME
                    0
dtype: int64
```

DOB

Building LENGTH_OF_STAY (in days):

```
[27]: #Building the variable
      X_train["ADMITTIME"] = pd.to_datetime(X_train["ADMITTIME"])
      X_train["DISCHTIME"] = pd.to_datetime(X_train["DISCHTIME"])
      X_train["LENGTH_OF_STAY"] = X_train["DISCHTIME"] - X_train["ADMITTIME"]
      X_train["LENGTH_OF_STAY"] = X_train["LENGTH_OF_STAY"].dt.total_seconds() / (24 *_
       →60 * 60)
      X_test["ADMITTIME"] = pd.to_datetime(X_test["ADMITTIME"])
      X_test["DISCHTIME"] = pd.to_datetime(X_test["DISCHTIME"])
      X_test["LENGTH_OF_STAY"] = X_test["DISCHTIME"] - X_test["ADMITTIME"]
      X_test["LENGTH_OF_STAY"] = X_test["LENGTH_OF_STAY"].dt.total_seconds() / (24 *_
       →60 * 60)
      X_train.drop(["DISCHTIME"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
      X_test.drop(["DISCHTIME"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
[28]: # Rescaling
      min_max = MinMaxScaler()
      var_train = pd.DataFrame(X_train["LENGTH_OF_STAY"])
      var_test = pd.DataFrame(X_test["LENGTH_OF_STAY"])
      min_max.fit(var_train)
      X_train["LENGTH_OF_STAY"] = min_max.transform(var_train)
      X_test["LENGTH_OF_STAY"] = min_max.transform(var_test)
     Building AGE (in year):
[29]: | X_train["DOB"] = pd.to_datetime(X_train["DOB"]).dt.year
      X_train["ADMITTIME"] = X_train["ADMITTIME"].dt.year
      X_train["AGE"] = X_train["ADMITTIME"] - X_train["DOB"]
      X_test["DOB"] = pd.to_datetime(X_test["DOB"]).dt.year
      X_test["ADMITTIME"] = X_test["ADMITTIME"].dt.year
      X_test["AGE"] = X_test["ADMITTIME"] - X_test["DOB"]
      X_train.drop(["ADMITTIME", "DOB"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
      X_test.drop(["ADMITTIME", "DOB"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
[30]: # Some calculated ages are well above possible values.
      print(sorted(X_train["AGE"].unique()),
            sorted(X_test["AGE"].unique()),
            sep="\n\n")
      # There are 119 age value above 122 (the oldest recorded age in a human)
      print(len(X_train[X_train["AGE"]>122]))
```

[0, 1, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,

```
35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 306, 307, 308, 310]

[0, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 308]

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[31]: # Replacing the impossible ages with the average age in the dataset average_age = X_train[X_train["AGE"] <= 89]["AGE"].mean()
X_train.loc[(X_train.AGE > 89), 'AGE'] = average_age
X_test.loc[(X_test.AGE > 89), 'AGE'] = average_age
```

```
[32]: # Rescaling
min_max = MinMaxScaler()

var_train = pd.DataFrame(X_train["AGE"])
var_test = pd.DataFrame(X_test["AGE"])

min_max.fit(var_train)
X_train["AGE"] = min_max.transform(var_train)
X_test["AGE"] = min_max.transform(var_test)
```

One-hot encoding the discrete features we ended up selecting:

Building an embedding representation of the text features we ended up selecting:

DIAGNOSIS:

```
[34]: X_train["DIAGNOSIS"] = X_train["DIAGNOSIS"].apply(sentence_processing)
X_test["DIAGNOSIS"] = X_test["DIAGNOSIS"].apply(sentence_processing)
```

```
[35]: cv = CountVectorizer(analyzer="word", ngram_range=(1,1), stop_words="english")
    cv.fit(X_train["DIAGNOSIS"].tolist())

tf = lambda s: cv.transform([s]).todense().tolist()[0]
    X_train["DIAGNOSIS"] = X_train["DIAGNOSIS"].apply(tf)
    X_test["DIAGNOSIS"] = X_test["DIAGNOSIS"].apply(tf)
```

```
[36]: X_train.drop(["DIAGNOSIS"], axis=1, inplace=True)
X_test.drop(["DIAGNOSIS"], axis=1, inplace=True)
```

Number of created embeddings: 819.

```
['1st', '21', '22', 'abcess', 'abd', 'abdcess', 'abdomal', 'abdomen',
'abdominal', 'ablation', 'abscess', 'abuse', 'accending', 'access', 'accident',
'account', 'achalasia', 'acidosis', 'acitic', 'acsites', 'acute', 'advancement',
'afib', 'aicd', 'air', 'airway', 'alcohol', 'als', 'altered', 'aml', 'anasarca',
'anemia', 'aneursym', 'aneurysm', 'angina', 'angio', 'angiogram', 'angioplasty',
'ankle', 'anomaly', 'anterior', 'antibiotic', 'anticholinergic', 'aorta',
'aortic', 'appendicitis', 'approach', 'ar', 'arachnoid', 'arch', 'arf',
'arrest', 'arterial', 'artery', 'ascending', 'ascites', 'aspiration', 'assault',
'asthma', 'asthmaticus', 'ataxia', 'atriacure', 'atrial', 'atrioventricular',
'attach', 'attack', 'aureus', 'av', 'avascular', 'avr', 'axillo', 'bacteremia',
'bacterial', 'benign', 'bental', 'bentall', 'benzodiazepine', 'bi', 'bifemoral',
'bilateral', 'bile', 'bili', 'biliary', 'biventricular', 'bladder', 'bled',
'bleed', 'bleeding', 'block', 'blomyscin', 'blood', 'blunt', 'bone', 'bowel',
'bowl', 'bradycardia', 'brain', 'breast', 'breath', 'bright']
```

3. Providing a baseline with non-deep learning models

Our Classification modeling comparison will focus on two score metrics:

Accuracy score

The accuracy score represents the ability of a model to correctly predict the label of each data point in a set. Mathematically, it represents the ratio of sum of true positive and true negatives out of all the predictions

$$ACC = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FN + TN + FP}$$

With \$ TP \$ the true positives, \$ FN \$ the false negatives, \$ TN \$ the true negatives, and \$ FP \$ the false positives.

• F1 score

The F1 score represents a function of the model's precision (proportion of positive identifications that are actually correct) and recall (proportion of actual positive identifications that were identified correctly) scores.

This is a useful measure of the model while trying to optimize either or both of precision or recall score of the model.

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{FP + TP}$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{FN + TP}$$

$$F1 \, score = 2 \times \frac{Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

3. Modeling

We propose six different models:

- Logistic Regression
- KNN
- Naive Bayes
- · Random Forest
- SVM
- Boosting

Every time we will proceed in two steps:

- 1. Training a model with default parameters
- 2. Performing a gridsearch to find the best mix

3.1 Logistic Regression

We see below that the Logistic Regression model has a difficulty identifying data points tagged with the target variable "DEATH".

3.1.1 Default Parameters

```
[38]: # Model declaration and training

lr_model = LogisticRegression()
lr_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

[38]: LogisticRegression()

```
[39]: # Model prediction

lr_pred_train = lr_model.predict(X_train)
lr_pred_test = lr_model.predict(X_test)
```

[40]: # Scores

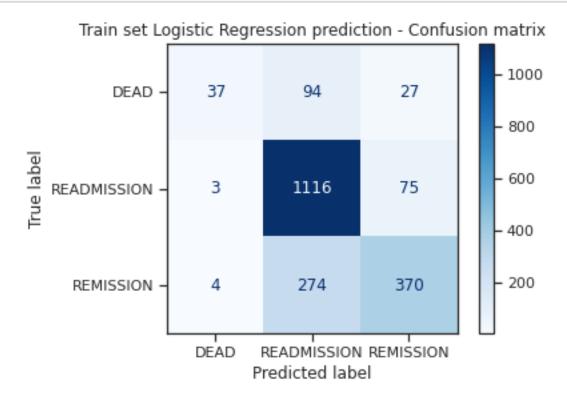
--- Train Set Scores ---

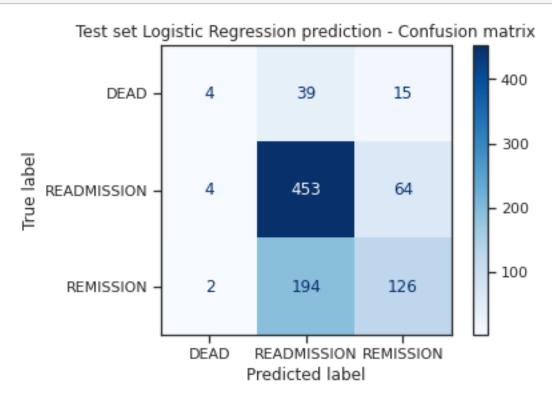
Accuracy: 0.76 F1 score: 0.78

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.65 F1 score: 0.68

[41]: # Confusion Matrices





3.1.2 GridSearch

```
[44]: # Prints the best parameters
      lr_grid_search.best_params_
[44]: {'max_iter': 100, 'penalty': 'l1', 'solver': 'saga'}
[45]: # Model prediction
      lr_grid_pred_train = lr_grid_search.predict(X_train)
      lr_grid_pred_test = lr_grid_search.predict(X_test)
      # Scores
      lr_grid_score = classification_score(lr_grid_pred_train, lr_grid_pred_test,
                                             y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.70
     F1 score: 0.74
     --- Test Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.64
     F1 score: 0.68
     3.2 KNN
     Similar to logistic regression, but at a lesser extent, we see below that the KNN model has a diffi-
     culty identifying data points tagged with the target variable "DEATH".
     3.2.1 Default Parameters
[46]: # Model declaration and training
      knn_model = KNeighborsClassifier()
      knn_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
[46]: KNeighborsClassifier()
[47]: # Model prediction
      knn_pred_train = knn_model.predict(X_train)
      knn_pred_test = knn_model.predict(X_test)
[48]: # Scores
      knn_score = classification_score(knn_pred_train, knn_pred_test,
                                        y_train, y_test)
```

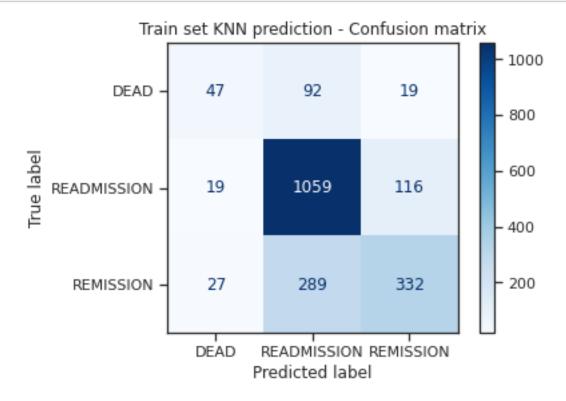
```
--- Train Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.72
F1 score: 0.74
--- Test Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.57
```

F1 score: 0.60

[49]: # Confusion Matrices

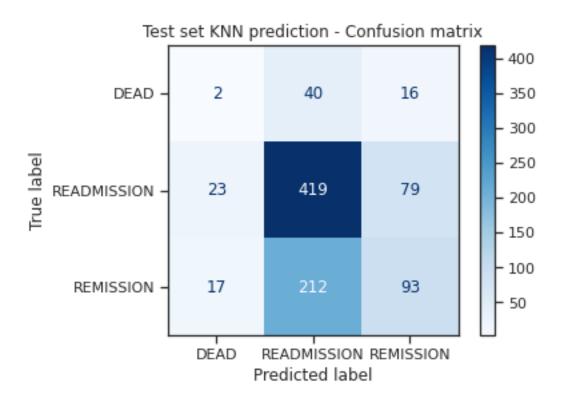
confusion(knn_model, X_train, y_train,

"Train set KNN prediction - Confusion matrix")



```
[50]: confusion(knn_model, X_test, y_test,

"Test set KNN prediction - Confusion matrix")
```



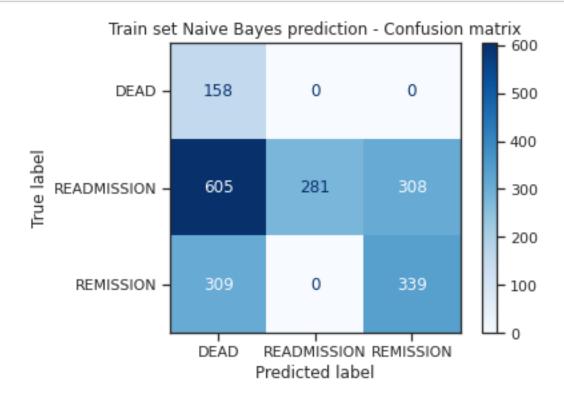
3.2.2 GridSearch

[51]: | # Going further with GridSearch

```
[52]: # Prints the best parameters
      knn_grid_search.best_params_
[52]: {'algorithm': 'auto', 'n_neighbors': 19, 'weights': 'uniform'}
[53]: # Model prediction
      knn_grid_pred_train = knn_grid_search.predict(X_train)
      knn_grid_pred_test = knn_grid_search.predict(X_test)
      # Scores
      knn_grid_score = classification_score(knn_grid_pred_train, knn_grid_pred_test,
                                             y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.65
     F1 score: 0.71
     --- Test Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.61
     F1 score: 0.68
     3.3 Naive Bayes
     Naive Bayes fares much poorer as a model compared to the ones we've seen so far, having a hard
     time predicting readmissions at all.
     3.3.1 Default Parameters
[54]: # Model declaration and training
      nb_model = GaussianNB()
      nb_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
[54]: GaussianNB()
[55]: # Model prediction
      nb_pred_train = nb_model.predict(X_train)
      nb_pred_test = nb_model.predict(X_test)
[56]: # Scores
      nb_score = classification_score(nb_pred_train, nb_pred_test,
```

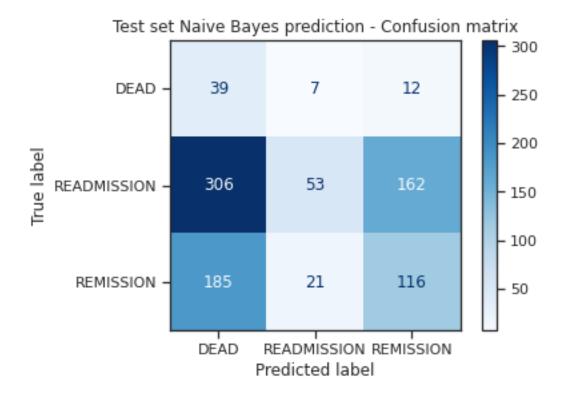
y_train, y_test)

```
--- Train Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.39
F1 score: 0.36
--- Test Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.23
F1 score: 0.22
```

```
[58]: confusion(nb_model, X_test, y_test,

"Test set Naive Bayes prediction - Confusion matrix")
```



3.3.2 GridSearch Naive Bayes, being naive, does not offer much hyperparameters to play with beside sample_weight (i.e. weights applied to individual samples). As such, we do not perform GridSearch for Naive Bayes.

3.4 Random Forest

Similar to logistic regression, we see below that the Random Forest model has a difficulty identifying data points tagged with the target variable "DEATH".

3.4.1 Default Parameters

```
[59]: # Model declaration and training

rf_model = RandomForestClassifier()
rf_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

[59]: RandomForestClassifier()

```
[60]: # Model prediction

rf_pred_train = rf_model.predict(X_train)
 rf_pred_test = rf_model.predict(X_test)
```

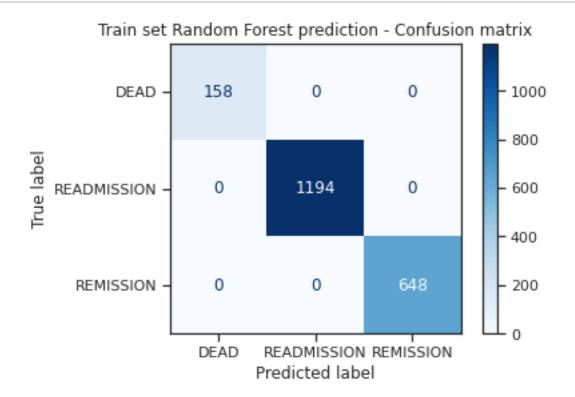

--- Train Set Scores ---

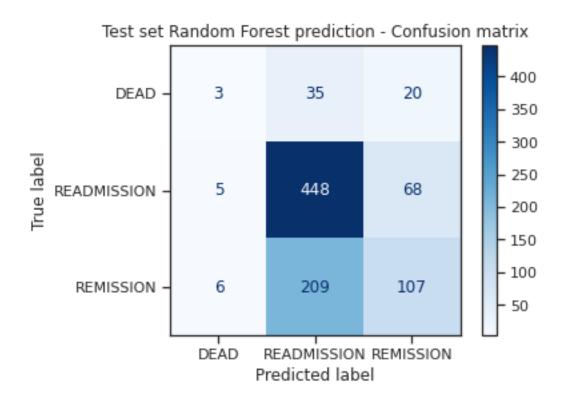
Accuracy: 1.00 F1 score: 1.00

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.62 F1 score: 0.66

[62]: # Confusion Matrices





[65]: # Prints the best parameters

```
rf_grid_search.best_params_
[65]: {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 31, 'max_features': 'sqrt'}
[66]: # Model prediction
      rf_grid_pred_train = rf_grid_search.predict(X_train)
      rf_grid_pred_test = rf_grid_search.predict(X_test)
      # Scores
      rf_grid_score = classification_score(rf_grid_pred_train, rf_grid_pred_test,
                                            y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.86
     F1 score: 0.87
     --- Test Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.63
     F1 score: 0.69
     3.5 Support Vector Machine
     Similar to logistic regression, we see below that the KNN model has a difficulty identifying data
     points tagged with the target variable "DEATH".
     3.5.1 Default Parameters
[67]: # Model declaration and training
      svc_model = SVC()
      svc_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
[67]: SVC()
[68]: # Model prediction
      svc_pred_train = svc_model.predict(X_train)
      svc_pred_test = svc_model.predict(X_test)
[69]: # Scores
      svc_score = classification_score(svc_pred_train, svc_pred_test,
                                        y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.72
```

F1 score: 0.77

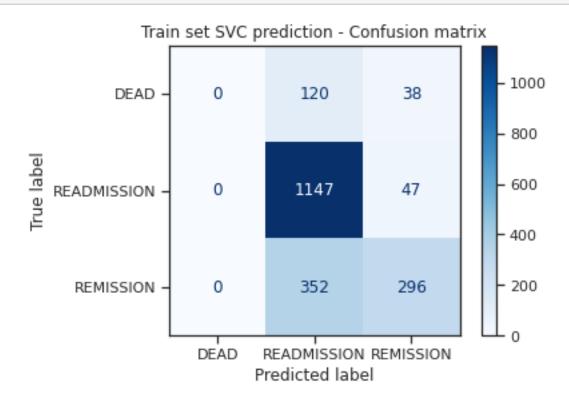
--- Test Set Scores ---

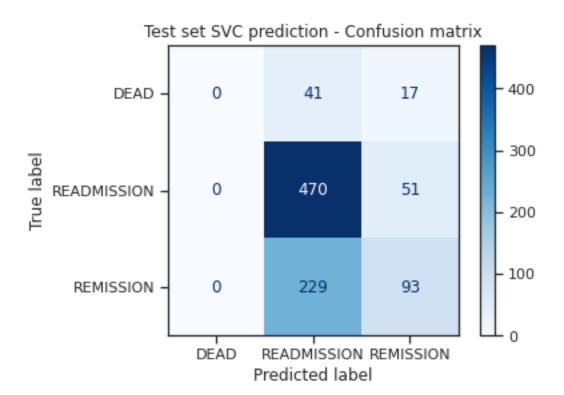
Accuracy: 0.62 F1 score: 0.68

[70]: # Confusion Matrices

confusion(svc_model, X_train, y_train,

"Train set SVC prediction - Confusion matrix")





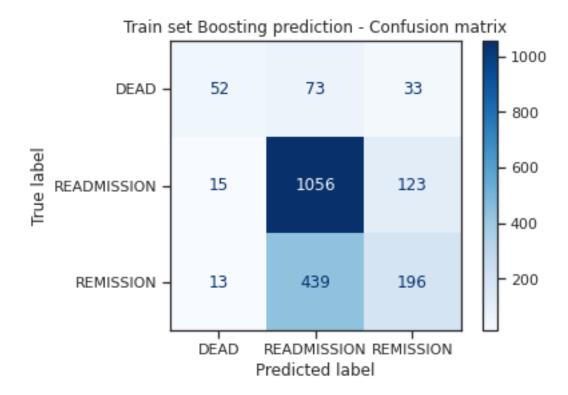
3.5.2 GridSearch

[72]: # Going further with GridSearch

```
[73]: {'decision_function_shape': 'ovo', 'degree': 3, 'kernel': 'rbf'}
[74]: # Model prediction
      svc_grid_pred_train = svc_grid_search.predict(X_train)
      svc_grid_pred_test = svc_grid_search.predict(X_test)
      # Scores
      svc_grid_score = classification_score(svc_grid_pred_train, svc_grid_pred_test,
                                              y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.72
     F1 score: 0.77
     --- Test Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.62
     F1 score: 0.68
     3.6 Boosting
     Similar to logistic regression, but at a lesser extent, we see below that the KNN model has a diffi-
     culty identifying data points tagged with the target variable "DEATH".
     3.6.1 Default Parameters
[75]: # Model declaration and training
      boost_model = AdaBoostClassifier()
      boost_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
[75]: AdaBoostClassifier()
[76]: # Model prediction
      boost_pred_train = boost_model.predict(X_train)
      boost_pred_test = boost_model.predict(X_test)
[77]: # Scores
      boost_score = classification_score(boost_pred_train, boost_pred_test,
                                          y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.65
     F1 score: 0.69
     --- Test Set Scores ---
```

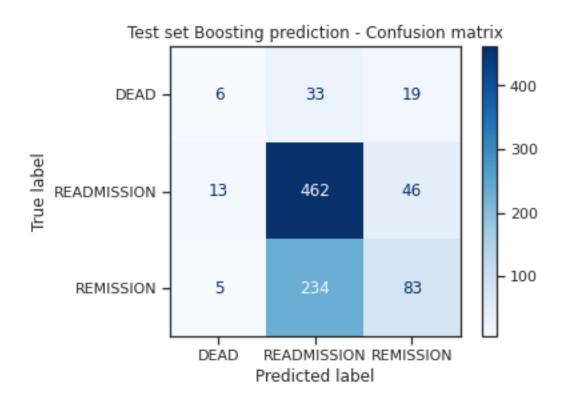
Accuracy: 0.61 F1 score: 0.66

[78]: # Confusion Matrices confusion(boost_model, X_train, y_train, "Train set Boosting prediction - Confusion matrix")



[79]: confusion(boost_model, X_test, y_test,

"Test set Boosting prediction - Confusion matrix")



3.6.2 GridSearch

--- Train Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.67 F1 score: 0.70

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.61 F1 score: 0.67

3.7 Summarizing Results

Based on the results above, we find that the two best models are **logistic regression** and **random forest**. However, since that their F1 scores are very similar, we use the accuracy score to discriminate between the two models.

Consequently, we choose to select Random Forest as our best model, yielding the following scores:

Metric	Train Set	Test Set	
Accuracy	0.86	0.63	
F1 score	0.87	0.69	

With the following parameters:

Parameter	Value	Note
Criterion Max depth Max features	entropy 31 sqrt	measure the quality of a split maximum tree depth number of features to consider when looking for the best split: $max_features = \sqrt{n_{features}}$

Notes:

The **entropy** criterion is a measure of the disorder or unpredictability in a system. Given a twoclass classification C, and a sample set S, the class distribution at any node can be written as (p_0, p_1) where $p_1 = 1 - p_0$ and the entropy of S is the sum of the information:

$$E(S) = -p_0 \times log_2(p_0) - p_1 \times log_2(p_1)$$

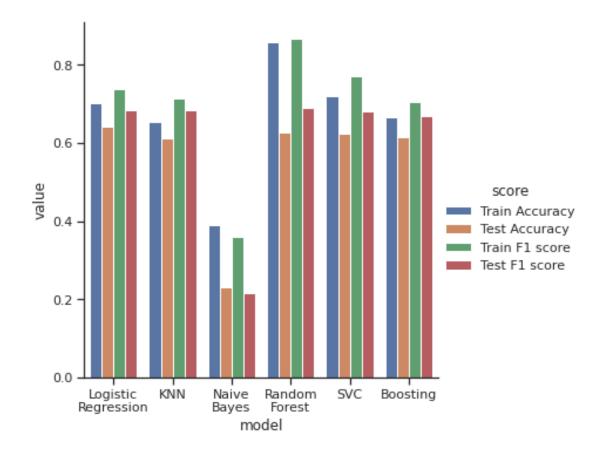
Meanwhile, the **gini criterion** refer to the probability of classifying a datapoint incorrectly in a dataset as part of building the random forest classifier.

For *C* total classes (here 3: "READMISSION", "REMISSION", and "DEATH"), and p(i) the probability of picking a datapoint with class i, the Gini Impurity is calculated as:

$$G = \sum_{i=1}^{C} p(i) * (1 - p(i))$$

We want to minimize this gini impurity metrics (a gini impurity of 0 implies a perfect split of the dataset).

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4. Exploring our best model

4.1 Removing ETHNICITY from the dataset

We come back to our note with regards to the dataset (made in Part 2: Data pre-processing).

consequently, we will need to see if ethnicity has a strong effect on our end result, and, if possible, whether we can do without it.

To do so, we go back to our training and testing dataset and remove the one-hot encoding columns built out of the ETHNICITY variable (present in our original dataset).

The goal here is to:

- 1. Train a Random Forest Classifier with the same parameters found to maximize our results above, but without using ethnic data
- 2. Compare the results
- 3. Draw preliminary interpretations with regards to the variable ETHNICITY

Observations (See code cells below):

We see that removing ETHNICITY from the dataset has a very minor impact on the obtained scores on the testing set:

Metric	Train Set	Test Set
Accuracy - With ETHNICITY	0.86	0.63
Accuracy - Without ETHNICITY	0.81	0.62
F1 score - with ETHNICITY	0.87	0.69
F1 score - without ETHNICITY	0.83	0.69

- Training accuracy and F1 scores went down by 5 and 4 basis points respectively
- Testing accuracy and F1 scores went down by 1 and 0 basis points respectively

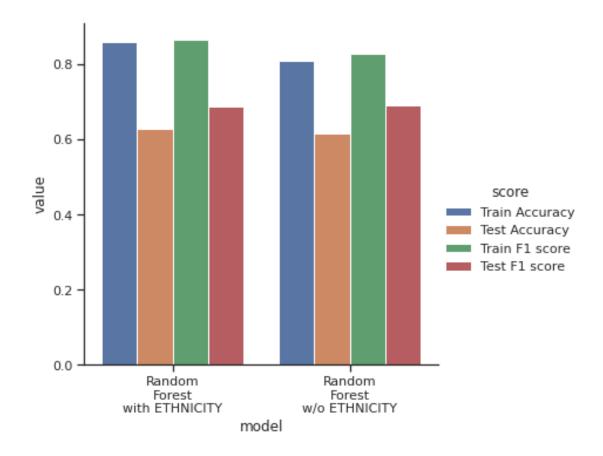
Consequently, we can raise doubts on the usefulness of collecting/using this specific data as part of this type of prediction modeling. There is no question that relying on this variable can be risky and would raise ethical concerns as, beyond the realm of re-hospitalization prediction, the use of ethnic data presents a high risk of misuse (e.g. AI ethicists fear the return of physiognomy in today's discourse, for instance with the power of facial recognition and ethnic profiling. In 2016, a research paper attracted heavy criticism by attempting to infer criminality from facial features).

```
[84]: # Removing the ethnic data from our train and test datasets
      X_train_wo_eth = X_train[X_train.columns.drop(list(X_train.

→filter(regex='ETHNICITY')))]
      X_test_wo_eth = X_test[X_test.columns.drop(list(X_test.
       →filter(regex='ETHNICITY')))]
[85]: # Assigning the Random Forest best parameters to variables
      criterion = "entropy"
      max_depth = 31
      max_features = "sqrt"
[86]: # Model declaration and training
      rf_model_wo_eth = RandomForestClassifier(criterion=criterion,
                                               max_depth=max_depth,
                                               max_features=max_features)
      rf_model_wo_eth.fit(X_train_wo_eth, y_train)
[86]: RandomForestClassifier(criterion='entropy', max_depth=31, max_features='sqrt')
[87]: # Model prediction
      rf_pred_train_wo_eth = rf_model_wo_eth.predict(X_train_wo_eth)
      rf_pred_test_wo_eth = rf_model_wo_eth.predict(X_test_wo_eth)
[88]: # Scores
```

rf_score_wo_eth = classification_score(rf_pred_train_wo_eth, rf_pred_test_wo_eth,

```
y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.81
     F1 score: 0.83
     --- Test Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.62
     F1 score: 0.69
[89]: # We plot the results obtained from our best models across all
      # 4 methods
      results = {"Random\nForest\nwith ETHNICITY":rf_grid_score,
                 "Random\nForest\nw/o ETHNICITY":rf_score_wo_eth}
      results = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(results).melt()
      scores = cycle(["Train Accuracy", "Test Accuracy", "Train F1 score", "Test F1⊔
      ⇔score"])
      results['score'] = [next(scores) for _ in range(len(results))]
      results.rename(columns = {'variable':'model'}, inplace=True)
      plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))
      plot = sns.catplot(x="model", y="value", hue="score", kind="bar", data=results)
```



4.2 Performing PCA on our Bag of Words representation

We are looking to reduce the size of our training and testing sets. As such, we might want to explore Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to do that by targeting our Bag of Words representation of the DIAGNOSIS column from the original data.

We will apply PCA to the dataset and see how many dimensions we need in the embedded space to obtain a 99% explained variance.

Observations (See code cells below):

We see that, thanks to PCA, we can reduce our dataset size by reducing the dimension of our Bag of Words representation of the DIAGNOSIS column, which we previously created. Using a PCA result that explains 99% of the variance in the bag of words, we see the following results:

Metric	Train Set	Test Set
Accuracy	0.86	0.63
Accuracy - with PCA	1.0	0.60
F1 score	0.87	0.69
F1 score - with PCA	1.0	0.64

- The accuracy and F1 scores over the training set increase to 1
- However, performing CPA leads to a reduction in the test accuracy and F1 score by a factor of 3 and 5 basis points respectively

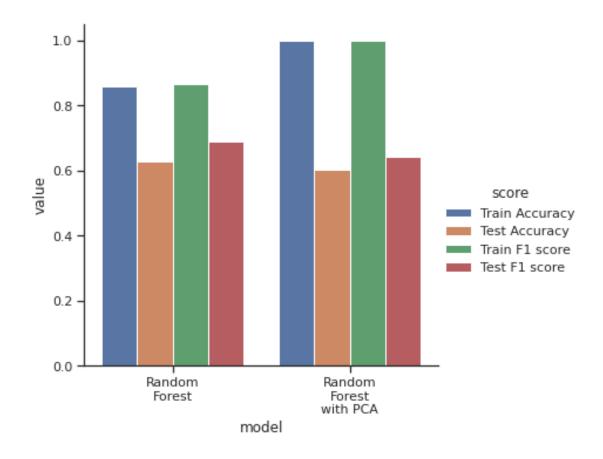
```
[90]: # Retrieving the bag of word representation from our pre-processed
# dataset

X_train_bow = X_train[cv.get_feature_names()]
X_test_bow = X_test[cv.get_feature_names()]
```

99% variance explained mark reached at: 525 components

```
[93]: RandomForestClassifier(criterion='entropy', max_depth=31, max_features='sqrt')
[94]: # Model prediction
      rf_pred_train_PCA = rf_model_PCA.predict(X_train_pca)
      rf_pred_test_PCA = rf_model_PCA.predict(X_test_pca)
[96]: # Scores
      rf_score_PCA = classification_score(rf_pred_train_PCA, rf_pred_test_PCA,
                                          y_train, y_test)
     --- Train Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 1.00
     F1 score: 1.00
     --- Test Set Scores ---
     Accuracy: 0.60
     F1 score: 0.64
[97]: | # We plot the results obtained from our best models across all
      # 4 methods
      results = {"Random\nForest":rf_grid_score,
                 "Random\nForest\nwith PCA":rf_score_PCA}
      results = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(results).melt()
      scores = cycle(["Train Accuracy", "Test Accuracy", "Train F1 score", "Test F1⊔
      ⇔score"])
      results['score'] = [next(scores) for _ in range(len(results))]
      results.rename(columns = {'variable':'model'}, inplace=True)
      plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))
      plot = sns.catplot(x="model", y="value", hue="score", kind="bar", data=results)
```

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4.3 Binary Classification

Up until now, we have looked at performing a 3-class classification problem. I.e. we wanted to predict either READMISSION, DEATH or REMISSION. If we are **purely interested in READMISSION**, we can **merge DEATH and REMISSION** in our target dataset.

Observations (See code cells below):

We see that by going for a binary classification, using grid search, we don't find a much better result in terms of accuracy or F1 score on the test dataset.

Parameter	Mix maximizing a 3-class classification	Mix maximizing a binary classification
Criterion	entropy	entropy
Max depth	31	43
Max features	sqrt	sqrt

Metric	Train Set	Test Set
Accuracy	0.86	0.63
Accuracy - with only 2 classes	0.91	0.67

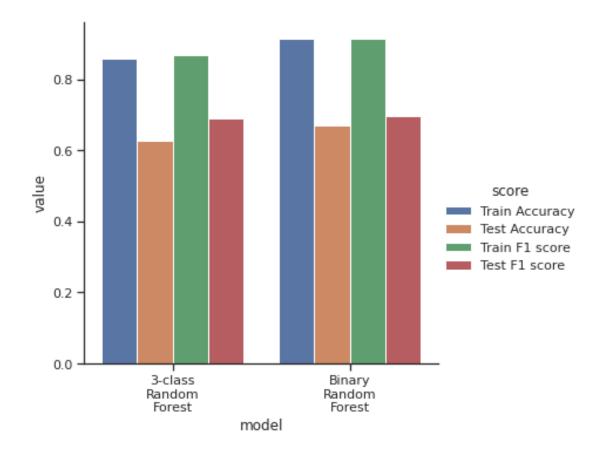
Metric	Train Set	Test Set
F1 score	0.87	0.69
F1 score - with only 2 classes	0.92	0.70

As such, we can infer that in the case of binary classification, a random forest classifier might not be the best model to go for.

```
[98]: # We replace DEATH and REMISSION instances with NEVER_REHOSPITALIZED, creating a
       # binary classification problem
       y_train_binary = y_train.copy()
       y_test_binary = y_test.copy()
       y_train_binary[y_train_binary=="DEAD"]="NEVER_REHOSPITALIZED"
       y_train_binary[v_train_binary=="REMISSION"]="NEVER_REHOSPITALIZED"
       y_test_binary[y_test_binary=="DEAD"]="NEVER_REHOSPITALIZED"
       y_test_binary[y_test_binary=="REMISSION"]="NEVER_REHOSPITALIZED"
[99]: # Going further with GridSearch
       parameters = {"criterion":("gini", "entropy"),
                     "max_features":("auto", "sqrt", "log2"),
                     "max_depth": list(range(5, 50))}
       # Model declaration and training
       rf_model = RandomForestClassifier()
       rf_model_binary = GridSearchCV(rf_model, parameters)
       rf_model_binary.fit(X_train, y_train_binary)
[99]: GridSearchCV(estimator=RandomForestClassifier(),
                   param_grid={'criterion': ('gini', 'entropy'),
                                'max_depth': [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
                                              16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25,
                                              26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, ...],
                                'max_features': ('auto', 'sqrt', 'log2')})
[100]: # Prints the best parameters
       rf_model_binary.best_params_
[100]: {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 43, 'max_features': 'sqrt'}
[101]: # Model prediction
       rf_pred_train_bin = rf_model_binary.predict(X_train)
```

```
rf_pred_test_bin = rf_model_binary.predict(X_test)
       # Scores
       rf_score_bin = classification_score(rf_pred_train_bin, rf_pred_test_bin,
                                           y_train_binary, y_test_binary)
      --- Train Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.91
      F1 score: 0.92
      --- Test Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.67
      F1 score: 0.70
[102]: # We plot the results obtained from our best models across all 4 methods
       results = {"3-class\nRandom\nForest":rf_grid_score,
                  "Binary\nRandom\nForest":rf_score_bin}
       results = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(results).melt()
       scores = cycle(["Train Accuracy", "Test Accuracy", "Train F1 score", "Test F1⊔
       →score"])
       results['score'] = [next(scores) for _ in range(len(results))]
       results.rename(columns = {'variable':'model'}, inplace=True)
       plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))
      plot = sns.catplot(x="model", y="value", hue="score", kind="bar", data=results)
```

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4.4 Overal Parameter Impact Overview

Given that we looked at a lot of different models via grid search, it would be interesting to look into the impact each parameter has on the model performance.

Observations (See code cells below):

- Entropy is marginally better than Gini
- Accuracy seems proportional to max depth, however, past a certain point, the F1 score starts to decrease
- Sqrt and Auto are marginally better than log2

Final outlook on parameters' impact:

Based on our observations, the main impacting parameter is Max Depth. However, the overall performance of the model (with regards to the F1 score) plateaus rapidly, indicating that Random Forest has a maximum efficacy in classifying the dataset.

```
[103]: # Recall the parameters used for the random forest grid search

criterions = ("gini", "entropy")
```

```
max_features = ("auto", "sqrt", "log2")
max_depths = list(range(5, 60, 5))
```

Criterion impact overview:

```
Modeling with criterion: gini
      --- Train Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.87
      F1 score: 0.88
      --- Test Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.64
      F1 score: 0.70
      Modeling with criterion: entropy
      --- Train Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.89
      F1 score: 0.90
      --- Test Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.63
      F1 score: 0.69
[108]: # Plotting the change due to criterion
      results = {"Random Forest\nwith Gini criterion":criterion_results[0],
                  "Random Forest\nwith Entropy criterion":criterion_results[1]}
```

```
results = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(results).melt()

scores = cycle(["Train Accuracy", "Test Accuracy", "Train F1 score", "Test F1

→score"])

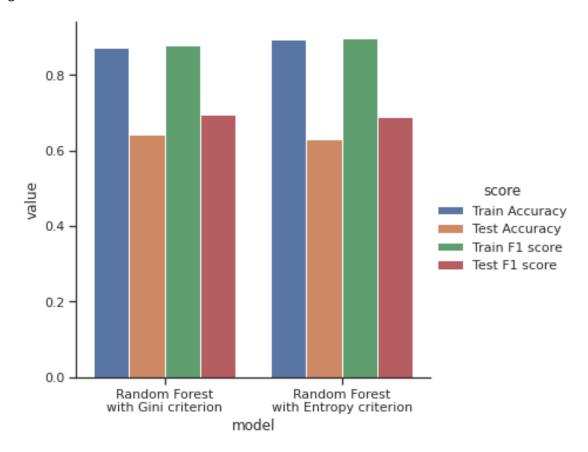
results['score'] = [next(scores) for _ in range(len(results))]

results.rename(columns = {'variable':'model'}, inplace=True)

plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))

plot = sns.catplot(x="model", y="value", hue="score", kind="bar", data=results)
```

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Max Depth impact overview:

```
Modeling with max depth: 5
--- Train Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.60
F1 score: 0.75
--- Test Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.58
F1 score: 0.73
Modeling with max depth: 10
--- Train Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.65
F1 score: 0.75
--- Test Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.59
F1 score: 0.72
Modeling with max depth: 15
--- Train Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.72
F1 score: 0.77
--- Test Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.61
F1 score: 0.71
Modeling with max depth: 20
--- Train Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.76
F1 score: 0.79
--- Test Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.62
F1 score: 0.69
Modeling with max depth: 25
```

--- Train Set Scores --- Accuracy: 0.80

F1 score: 0.82

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.62 F1 score: 0.70

Modeling with max depth: 30 --- Train Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.84 F1 score: 0.85

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.63 F1 score: 0.70

Modeling with max depth: 35 --- Train Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.87 F1 score: 0.87

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.63 F1 score: 0.69

Modeling with max depth: 40

--- Train Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.89 F1 score: 0.90

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.63 F1 score: 0.68

Modeling with max depth: 45

--- Train Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.91 F1 score: 0.91

--- Test Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.63 F1 score: 0.68

Modeling with \max depth: 50

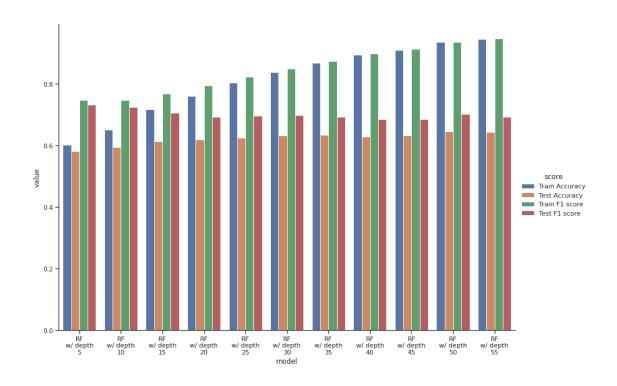
--- Train Set Scores ---

Accuracy: 0.93 F1 score: 0.94

```
--- Test Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.64
      F1 score: 0.70
      Modeling with max depth: 55
      --- Train Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.94
      F1 score: 0.95
      --- Test Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.64
      F1 score: 0.69
[110]: # Plotting the change due to Max Depth
       results = {f"RF\nw/ depth\n{d}\":max_depth_results[idx] for
                  idx, d in enumerate(max_depths)}
       results = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(results).melt()
       scores = cycle(["Train Accuracy", "Test Accuracy", "Train F1 score", "Test F1

→score"])
       results['score'] = [next(scores) for _ in range(len(results))]
       results.rename(columns = {'variable':'model'}, inplace=True)
       sns.catplot(x="model", y="value", hue="score", kind="bar", data=results,
                  height=8.27, aspect=11.7/8.27)
```

[110]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7f60a4394be0>

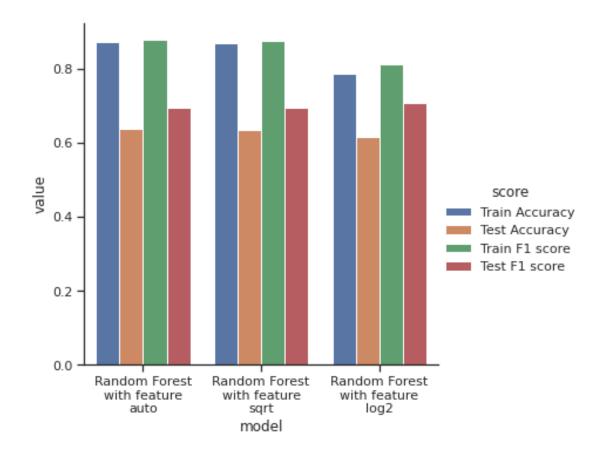


Max Features impact overview:

```
Modeling with max features: auto:
--- Train Set Scores ---
Accuracy: 0.87
F1 score: 0.88
--- Test Set Scores ---
```

```
Accuracy: 0.64
      F1 score: 0.70
      Modeling with max features: sqrt:
      --- Train Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.87
      F1 score: 0.88
      --- Test Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.63
      F1 score: 0.70
      Modeling with max features: log2:
      --- Train Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.79
      F1 score: 0.81
      --- Test Set Scores ---
      Accuracy: 0.61
      F1 score: 0.71
[112]: # Plotting the change due to max features
       results = {f"Random Forest\nwith feature\n{f}":max_features_results[idx] for
                  idx, f in enumerate(max_features)}
       results = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(results).melt()
       scores = cycle(["Train Accuracy", "Test Accuracy", "Train F1 score", "Test F1⊔
       ⇔score"])
       results['score'] = [next(scores) for _ in range(len(results))]
       results.rename(columns = {'variable':'model'}, inplace=True)
       plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))
       plot = sns.catplot(x="model", y="value", hue="score", kind="bar", data=results)
```

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5. Conclusion

5.1 Variable and Model Choice

After some data pre-processing, we focus our modeling effort on the following variables:

Variable	Note on preprocessing
Age	Float variable constructed out of DOB and ADMITTIME
GENDER	One-Hot encoded
MARITAL_STATUS	One-Hot encoded
ETHNICITY	One-Hot encoded
INSURANCE	One-Hot encoded
ADMISSION_TYPE	One-Hot encoded
Length of stay	Float variable constructed out of DISCTIME and ADMITTIME
DIAGNOSIS	A bag of words reprensentation created via CountVectorizer

With regards to our classification effort, we have seen six different models. Each model yielded the following best scores after thorough use of the GridSearch function (provided by the scikit-learn library):

Model	Train Accuracy	Test Accuracy	Train F1 Score	Test F1 Score	Our Final Choice
Logistic	0.70	0.64	0.74	0.68	×
Regression		0.01	O., 1	0.00	, ,
KNN	0.65	0.61	0.71	0.68	×
Naive Bayes	0.39	0.23	0.36	0.22	×
Random	0.86	0.63	0.87	0.69	*
Forest					
Support	0.72	0.62	0.77	0.68	×
Vector					
Machine for					
classifica-					
tion					
(SVC)					
Boosting	0.67	0.61	0.70	0.67	×

5.2 Best Model Parameters

Albeit Logistic Regression provides the best test accuracy, it is only 1 basis point better than the Random Forest Classifier. Meanwhile the Random Forest Classifier model leads in all other metrics.

As such, we choose to continue forward with the Random Forest Classifier model, which results were maximized under the following parameters:

Parameter	ArgMax for Model
criterion	Entropy
max_feature	sqrt
max_depth	31

5.3 Looking for ways to improve the predictions

We have looked into how to increase the performance of our best model, and have reached the following observations:

- A limitation with regards to training the model relates to how we represent our data. It
 is possible, and rather likely, that we can achieve a better representation/embedding of our
 variables (such as with our bag of words embedding of the DIAGNOSIS collumn).
- 2. Some variables we have included might be removed. It can be either for ethical reason (such as with the ETHNICITY variable) or for variance reason. Indeed, it is very likely that some included variables only have a limited, if not null, effect on the end prediction (e.g. removing the ETHNICITY variable from the dataset barely impacted end results).
- 3. With regards to our selected model (a random forest classifier), we saw that reducing the number of classes in our dataset from 3 to 2 marginally changed the end predictive power. As such, we might infer that we have a limit in performance not set by hyperparameter choice, but by our choice of model.

5.4 Further explorations?

Based on our observations above, we see that we might have end up with limitations set both by our dataset representation but also by our model choice. As such, if further explorations were to be performed, we could focus on the following:

- 1. **Provide a new embedding/representation for the data** (for instance by including the variable TEXT after a thorough cleaning of the content due to data leakage risk).
- 2. **Use more complex models** such as neural networks or deep learning in general (for instance a binary classifier using a dense and deep fully connected neural network could be an avenue of exploration).